Universities, Other NGO's Organizations due to better salary & perks, place of posting etc.

(e) Government of Andhra Pradesh has sanctioned three Super Specialty Veterinary Hospitals at Hyderabad, Vijayawada & Pulivendula, 3 new Veterinary Dispensaries (manned by Veterinary Graduates), 89 new Rural Livestock Units (manned by Paravets) and upgradation of 8 existing Rural Livestock Units into Veterinary Dispensaries.

***Statement***

*Prescribed norms for opening of new Veterinary Institutions in the State of Andhra Pradesh*

1. The Livestock population of the main village and neighbouring villages within a radious of 5 KMs should be about 5000.

2. The villages or Gram Panchayat should provide initially rent free building and within one year permanent building worth Rs. 1.5 lakhs to Rs. 2.0 lakhs should be constructed and donated to the Department.

3. The villagers or Gram Panchayats should donate the furniture required for the institution.

4. Preference is given in a district to such mandals, which do not have more than one Livestock Supervisory Unit (*i.e.* manned by a Graduate) or one Rural Livestock Unit (*i.e.* manned by a Paravet).

**Cultivation of fruits and vegetables**

†576.SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether farmers can earn 5 to 8 per cent more profit by growing vegetables and fruits;

(b) whether it is very essential to have better roads, irrigation, agricultural technology and chain of cold stores for vegetables and fruits farming;

(c) if so, whether Government plans to provide these facilities to farmers;

(d) whether Government proposes to educate rural farmers regarding vegetables and fruits related agricultural technologies; and

(e) the details of the total financial help and subsidy provided or proposed to be provided to farmers till now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Government is providing rural connectivity through Pradhan Mantri Gram Sarak Yojana in the rural areas of the country. Several Schemes exist for providing irrigation facilities to the farmers. In addition, Ministry of Agriculture is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro-irrigation for adopting Drip and Sprinkler irrigation.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research and State Agricultural Universities are constantly developing new technologies which are disseminated through Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) and State Agriculture/Horticulture Departments.

The Government is also implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, *viz* Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand (TMNE) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for the remaining states, for the holistic development of horticulture covering production, post-harvest management and marketing of fruits & vegetables. Provision exists for setting up of cold storage unit and cold chain infrastructure for horticultural produce. Under these schemes, assistance is also provided for training of various stake holders including farmers for adoption of new and innovative technology.

(e) The funds released from 2005-06 to 2008-09 State-wise, under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes are given in the Statement-I and II.

***Statement-I***

*Release of funds under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture for the year 2005-06 to 2008-09*

(Rs.in lakhs)

| | | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2008-09 up to 15.02.09 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| **A.** | **Mini Mission -I** | | | | |
| 1. | NE States including Sikkim | | | 440.00 | 350.00 |
| 2. | Jammu & Kashmir | 250.00 | 87.50 | 296.99 | 150.00 |
| 3. | Himachal Pradesh | 250.00 | 87.50 | 150.00 | 55.00 |
| 4. | Uttarakhand | 250.00 | 100.00 | 365.00 | 150.00 |
| **B.** | **Mini Mission - II** | | | | |
| 1. | Arunachal Pradesh | 1300.00 | 1612.90 | 2830.00 | 1665.00 |
| 2. | Assam | 1300.00 | 1400.00 | 2680.00 | 2875.00 |
| 3. | Manipur | 1500.00 | 1700.00 | 2228.00 | 1850.00 |
| 4. | Meghalaya | 1700.00 | 2000.00 | 2700.00 | 2062.50 |
| 5. | Mizoram | 1800.00 | 3200.00 | 3095.00 | 2250.00 |
| 6. | Nagaland | 1700.00 | 2356.00 | 2500.00 | 2075.00 |
| 7. | Sikkim | 1800.00 | 2331.00 | 3110.00 | 2142.50 |
| 8. | Tripura | 1500.00 | 1400.00 | 2400.00 | 1600.00 |
| 9. | Jammu & Kashmir | 1550.00 | 2933.00 | 2000.00 | 1815.00 |
| 10. | Himachal Pradesh | 1100.00 | 4000.00 | 2400.00 | 1600.00 |
| 11. | Uttarakhand | 1100.00 | 4000.00 | 2839.94 | 1800.00 |
| Service charges & other Project based proposals. | | 189.21 | 114.00 | 266.35 | 95.140 |

| 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **C.** | **Mini Mission -III** | | | | |
| 1. | NE States including Sikkim | 600.00 | 400.00 | 550.00 | 351.95 |
| 2. | J&K, HP& Uttarakhand | 750.00 | 450.00 | 625.00 | 150.00 |
| 3. | J&K (Reconstruction Plan) | | | | |
| **D.** | **Mini Mission - IV** | | | | |
| 1. | NE States including Sikkim | | | | |
| 2. | J&K, HP & Uttarakhand | | 300.00 | 700.00 | 210.00 |
| 3. | J&K (Reconstruction Plan) | 200.00 | | | |
| | GRAND TOTAL : | 18739.21 | 28471.90 | 32176.28 | 23247.09 |

***Statement-II***

*Funds Released under National Horticulture Mission (NHM)*

(Rs. In lakh)

| Sl.No. | States | Releases | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2008-09 upto 15.02.09 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 4420.96 | 7500.00 | 7836.94 | 10468.39 |
| 2 | Bihar | 3100.00 | 3500.00 | 269.72 | 3122.48 |
| 3 | Chhattisgarh | 2367.83 | 5500.00 | 6252.41 | 3000.00 |
| 4 | Goa | 315.20 | 200.00 | 3.19 | 100.45 |
| 5 | Gujarat | 3239.28 | 2577.03 | 1954.24 | 2131.83 |
| 6 | Haryana | 1050.00 | 3480.00 | 6476.49 | 2551.86 |
| 7 | Jharkhand | 3030.00 | 4000.00 | 781.00 | 3000.00 |
| 8 | Karnataka | 4455.17 | 8448.25 | 8571.05 | 12536.88 |
| 9 | Kerala | 3533.98 | 7959.53 | 6147.73 | 7517.29 |
| 10 | Madhya Pradesh | 2839.77 | 4291.75 | 5537.49 | 3500.00 |
| 11 | Maharashtra | 8260.28 | 14492.65 | 13224.97 | 13021.70 |
| 12 | Orissa | 3611.91 | 4450.00 | 3812.16 | 1000.00 |
| 13 | Punjab | 2868.82 | 1150.00 | 2409.99 | 1112.48 |
| 14 | Rajasthan | 2259.57 | 3837.93 | 5673.19 | 2897.71 |
| 15 | Tamil Nadu | 3891.67 | 6450.00 | 8536.82 | 7688.00 |
| 16 | Uttar Pradesh | 5340.25 | 1500.00 | 9425.90 | 5079.27 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17 | West Bengal | 4035.31 | 4600.00 | 681.82 | 607.20 |
| 18 | Delhi | | 300.00 | | |
| 19 | Lakshadweep | | 63.00 | 29.90 | |
| 20 | A&N Islands | | 85.00 | | |
| | Total | 58620.00 | 84385.14 | 87625.01 | 79335.54 |

**Shortage of milk and milk powder**

577. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of milk in the country and inspite of that ban imposed on export of milk & milk powder has been removed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any representation from Milk Co-operative in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no shortage of milk in the country, except in the State of Kerala. There was no ban on export of milk & milk powder during the year 2008 and in fact export incentives which were withdrawn during the lean season were restored with the onset of flush season in December, 2008 after the situation was reviewed with milk cooperative federations and private dairies.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, this Department has received a representation of Government of Kerala informing about shortage of liquid milk, with a request to impose ban on export of milk powder. After a review of the milk availability in the country, it was found that there is enough availability of liquid milk & milk powder in the country to take care of the shortage of milk in Kerala.

**Fertilizers policy**

578. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has finalised fertilizer policy and investment for gas based fertilizer projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the rate of subsidy proposed to be given for these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) The Government has already finalized and announced a policy for new investments in urea sector on 4th September 2008. The New Investment Policy aims at revamp,